

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a search query;

determining whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

determining whether to rewrite the received search query based on information relating to prior searches involving the entity name;

rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier relating to a domain associated with the particular entity when it is determined that the received search query should be rewritten based on the information relating to the prior searches;

automatically performing a search of the domain associated with the particular entity based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results; and

presenting the search results.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a link to the received search query with the search results.

3-6. (canceled)

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining whether to rewrite the received search query comprises:

identifying entity identifiers associated with documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determining a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determining that the received search query should be rewritten when an entity identifier associated with the entity name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the determining whether to rewrite the received search query further comprises:

determining whether the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is greater than a threshold, and

determining that the received search query should not be rewritten when the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is not greater than the threshold.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining whether to rewrite the received search query comprises:

identifying entity identifiers associated with documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determining a distribution of a total number of selections for each of the identified entity

identifiers, and

determining that the received search query should be rewritten when the distribution indicates that the total number of selections for an entity identifier associated with the entity name is peaked compared to the total number of selections for a subset of other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the automatically performing a search based on the rewritten search query comprises:

searching a repository of documents using the rewritten search query.

12. (currently amended) A system implemented within one or more computer devices, comprising:

means for receiving a search query;

means for determining whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

means for determining whether to rewrite the received search query to include a restricted identifier relating to a domain associated with the particular entity when the received search query includes [[an]] the entity name;

means for rewriting the received search query when it is determined that the received search query should be rewritten;

means for automatically performing a search of the domain associated with the particular entity based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results in lieu of performing a search based on the received search query; and

means for providing the search results.

13. (currently amended) A system, comprising:

a memory to store information relating to prior searches; and

a processor to:

receive a search query from a user,

determine whether the received search query includes an entity name
corresponding to a particular entity,

determine whether to rewrite the received search query based on the information in the memory,

rewrite the received search query to restrict a search performed based on the rewritten search query to a domain associated with the particular entity when it is determined that the received search query should be rewritten based on the information in the memory,

perform, without input from the user, a search of the domain associated with the particular entity based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results, and

present the search results.

14-37. (canceled)

38. (currently amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a search query;

determining whether the received search query includes an entity name corresponding to a particular entity;

determining whether to rewrite the received search query based on information relating to prior searches involving the entity name;

rewriting the received search query to restrict a search performed based on the rewritten search query to a domain associated with the particular entity when it is determined that the received search query should be rewritten based on the information relating to the prior searches;

determining whether to provide a suggestion of rewriting the received search query, as a rewriting suggestion, based on information relating to prior searches involving the entity name when it is determined that the received search query should not be rewritten;

generating the rewriting suggestion when it is determined that the rewriting suggestion should be provided;

automatically performing, without user intervention, a search of the domain associated with the particular entity based on one of the received search query or the rewritten search query to obtain search results; and

presenting the search results; and

presenting the rewriting suggestion when it is determined that the rewriting suggestion should be provided.

39-41. (canceled)

42. (new) An automated method, comprising:
- receiving a search query from a user;
- determining whether the received search query includes a store name associated with a particular store;
- rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier relating to a domain associated with the particular store based on information relating to prior searches involving the store name;
- performing, without input from the user, a search of the domain associated with the particular store based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results; and
- presenting the search results.

43. (new) An automated method, comprising:
- receiving a search query;
- determining whether the received search query includes a name of a news source;
- rewriting the received search query to include a restrict identifier relating to a domain associated with the news source based on information relating to prior searches involving the name of the news source;
- automatically performing a search of the domain associated with the news source based on the rewritten search query to obtain search results; and
- presenting the search results.

44. (new) The system of claim 13, where the processor is further configured to provide a link to the received search query along with the search results.

45. (new) The system of claim 13, where when determining whether to rewrite the received search query, the processor is configured to:

identify entity identifiers associated with documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,

determine a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and determine that the received search query should be rewritten when an entity identifier associated with the entity name receives a total number of selections greater than other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

46. (new) The system of claim 45, where when determining whether to rewrite the received search query, the processor is further configured to:

determine whether the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is greater than a threshold, and

determine that the received search query should not be rewritten when the total number of selections for the entity identifier associated with the entity name is not greater than the threshold.

47. (new) The system of claim 13, where when determining whether to rewrite the

received search query, the processor is configured to:

identify entity identifiers associated with documents that were selected in connection with the prior searches involving the entity name,
determine a distribution of a total number of selections for each of the identified entity identifiers, and

determine that the received search query should be rewritten when the distribution indicates that the total number of selections for an entity identifier associated with the entity name is peaked compared to the total number of selections for a subset of other ones of the identified entity identifiers.

48. (new) The system of claim 13, where when rewriting the received search query, the processor is configured to modify the received search query to include a restrict identifier that restricts the search performed based on the rewritten search query to the domain associated with the particular entity.

49. (new) The system of claim 13, where when performing the search based on the rewritten search query, the processor is configured to search a repository of documents using the rewritten search query.

50. (new) The method of claim 1, where the entity name corresponds to a store name associated with a particular store, and
automatically performing the search of the domain associated with the particular entity

includes automatically performing a search of a domain associated with the particular store.

51. (new) The method of claim 1, where the entity name corresponds to a name of a particular news source, and

automatically performing the search of the domain associated with the particular entity includes automatically performing a search of a domain associated with the particular news source.